

JFK assassination records appeals

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Classification

Withholding of the reasonably segregable

Privacy claims, made inconsistently, arbitrarily and capriciously

← Congressman/Warren Commissioner the late Hale Boggs

Non-compliance with the E.O. on classification

Although attached 62-109000-1976 is classified confidential it is not classified in accord with the requirements of the EO and it does not have indication of having been reviewed, even by the forever classifying 2040, who found almost anything except from downgrading or declassification.

The Subject is "Information Concerning" the long-deceased Boggs, who was a member of the Commission and in all ways a public personality. Any information relating to him and suitable for filing in the assassination file is of historical importance, even if it is no more than his reaction to the FBI's giving him its nasty stuff about those who criticized it, including me. (It did, although no records of it have been provided.)

Clearly some of the withheld is reasonably segregable.

Selma Rein is represented as being a member of the Communist party. Clearly this is harmful to her. It also is in sharp contrast with other withholdings by the FBI in alleged protection of the rights of privacy of others. If the FBI can properly disclose its belief that someone is a member of the CP there would appear to be nothing it can properly withhold on a claim of privacy.